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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Enclosed is five dollars for which please send me a copy of "Whitewash".

Please do not ever allow yourself to be placed on the defensive. This is probably gratuitous advice, since I calculate you to be the kind who could not be put on the defensive. You have too strong ground and are too well versed in your facts. I happen to be an early member of a growing group of U. S. citizens who feel the Commission "names" were played for patsys and the rest of the country for suckers. Why this was done is of relatively little import; the important thing to demonstrate at this moment is that it was unsuccessful and that the cynicism continually demonstrated by our embryonic royalty is most dangerous to those who hold it. If you want to see the results of such political philosophy over a century, come to Chicago and spend a day riding around with me in my car.

Of those on Jim Bishop's program, you are the only one who expressed the theory that there was a planned conspiracy. Did you mean in the investigation by the Commission or in the assassination itself? I know Dallas, and I assure you that the climate and factors, to say nothing of the implements, were all there for a conspiracy which would never be believed in any other city in this country. In the lifetime of men in the area, men like Penn Jones, all matters were settled by the gun. Dallasites were not shocked--the school children cheered, and the elite drank toasts to Kennedy's shattered skull--it fit into their way of life. As a matter of fact Stevenson and Johnson were fortunate that they were only spit on and shoved around a little.

Be assured that our group is not small. I believe in time you will do more than "break even", and I sincerely hope so. There should be some reward for good citizenship besides attacks by the Merriman Smith's and the Irv Kupcinet's. The golden trait is too rare and precious to be smothered in vilification.

Sincerely yours,

